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MONDAY DECEMBER 1, 1879.

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WEATHER REPORT. INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY .- For the Mid-INDICATIONS FOR SUNDAY.—For the Middle States rising barometer, diminishing White.

Colored. northwest winds, colder and generally clear weather, preceded in the northern portions

by snow and rain. For the South Atlantic and East Gulf States, rising barometer, northerly winds, and coider clear weather, followed in the latter by falling barometer and slightly warmer easterly winds.

THE WEATHER SATURDAY was clear, cool, and windy. THERMOMETER SATURDAY: 6 A. M., 58 9 A. M., 58; noon, 62; 8 P. M., 55; 6 P. 1. 45; midnight, 34.

Mean temperature, 52. LOCAL MATTERS.

MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN THE CITY-CONFERENCES .- On Saturday the ollowing members of the General Assemhis were in the city : Senators-John W. Daniel of Campbell, H. C. Wood of Scott, John Paul of Rockingham, Joseph Walker of Chesterfield, J. B. Stovall of Halifax, John T. Stovall of Henry, O. B. Finney of Accomac, and John G. Cannon of the Middlesex district. Delegates-R. T. W. Duke and T. L. Michie of Albemarle, E. H. Smith of Dinwiddie, Robert Norton of York, G. W. Cole of Essex, G. R. Gray of Halifax, John W. Bulman of King and Queen, Ross Hamilton, of Mecklenburg, William M. Ellis of Montgomery, James A. Frazier of Rockbridge, Samuel H. Moffett and R. N. Harrison of Rockingham. The headquarters of the Conservatives

are at the Ballard House. The room formerly used for the bar in that building will be their conference hall, while the old billiard-hall has been engaged for like purnose by the Readjusters.

Members will come trooping into the city to-day, and by night each party will probably have sufficient numbers to commence caucusing. General Mahone arrived Saturday, and will probably not leave the city until the tight is lost or won. The General is much sought after by members of his party, and on Saturday was busy as a bee. Mr. Arthur O. Sullivan, first doorkeeper of the House, arrived Saturday. He is a candidate for reelection. Being a faithful officer and a one-legged ex-Confederate, there is little doubt about his success.

General Hill, sergeant-at-arms of the House, has been here two or three days. He, too, is a gallant ex-Confederate. From a wound in battle he lost one arm. Everybody will be glad to see him back at his old post, where he gave satisfaction to members, visitors, and all having business with It is expected that the Republicans will Colored females.....

same, if arranged for, is not announced. There are a large number of candidates for office in the city; but at present they are quite at a loss how to go to work.

The General Assembly meets at 12 o'clock Wednesday. Governor Holliday will before that time return to the city, and will be ready to send in his message when notified that the two bouses are organized and prepared for business. The message will be quite a short one.

THE CITY COUNCIL-ELECTION OF CHIEF ENGINEER.-This afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be a joint session of the Council for the purpose of electing a Chief Engineer of the Fire Department to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Captain G. A. Ainslie. Captain G. Watt Taylor, first asistant engineer, is the only candidate now poken of. Immediately after the adjournment of the joint session, the regular meetng of the Common Council will be held. On Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock there will be a special meeting of the Board gent children.
For insurance, pay of janitors, and other contingent expenses.

Expenses of central office. of Aldermen to consider the resolutions from the Council on the question of submitting to the people the subscription of \$750,000 on the part of the city to aid in the construction of the railroad up the towing path of the canal via Lynchburg, Lexngton, and Buchanan to Clifton Forge.

LUMBER-HOUSE BURNED .- Early Saturday morning the lumber- or storehouse of Mr. Francis Vunck, in Hanover county, near the Courthouse, was fired by an incendiary and totally destroyed with its contents. It s thought that it was the intention of the fiend to burn Mr. Vunck's dwelling-house also, but the efforts of his hands and his neighbors prevented the fire from spreading to his residence. The building contained a lot of groceries, harness, and about three bundred dollars' worth of twine. which Mr. Vunck used in the manufacture of brooms. Loss, \$800. No insurance. This was Mr. Vunck's second fire during the year.

MANDAMUS APPLIED FOR .- At the last era of the United States Circuit Court Judge Bond decided the case of Garnett, assignee, vs. Rosenbaum against the defendaut. Rosenbaum then applied for an appeal, which was refused. His counsel, Judge Meredith and Mr. E. Y. Cannon, then presented a petition to the Supreme Court of the United States for a mandamus requiring the Circuit Judge to award the ap-Peal. The Supreme Court set the case down be argued to-day, and the counselludge Meredith and Mr. Capnon for Rosenwum, and Messrs. Stiles and Howard for arrett-left the city last evening to argue e case before the Supreme Court.

LAYENT .- The season of Advent, so desigthin the ecclesiastical calendar as the adimmediately preceding and preparato the great festival of the Nativity or tmas, began Sunday, when, as is cusy in the Episcopal and Roman Cathowebes, as well as among the Luthere religious services partock more or penitential character. In the Episburch, Advent, which is the coment of the Christian year, has not by for . As theme the first coming of Christ, at also p wints onward to his second coming ludget, world, and hence the season is vested w the peculiar solemnity.

THE PLAN ET VENUS.-The planet Venus tested a sen testion in Richmond on Saturtreat times d uring the day at the street- discusses many other subjects of particular ay. Handi eds of people gathered at difrners, especi ally on Main street, to see morning st ir in the southwestern heaas. It was p. binly visible to the neked e until late in the day, when it set. At brise Saturday morning it was sixty de-Venus is ne. trer the earth, the planet plainly see n. . Yesterday, for inbelore the sun was too high, it was

dliam. Junior A Class: Kate Dunkel, Fine Sport.—A party of young gentle-frayser summoned as a witness. Frayser summoned as a witness. Fine Ragiand, Rosa Salomonsky. Junior week's hunt in the county of James City, five days for disorderly conduct.

I. DISPATCE

Apportionment Under the Henkel

BIII.

ble to public schools under the Henkel bill PALATING TO SCHOOL POPULATION AND PRO-PERTY, COST OF MAINTENANCE, FUNDS PAID at \$459,515.95. The Superintendent of ending November 30, 1879: 1,805 barrels than in another. What attractions have OUT, &C., &C. Dr. Ruffner, in his annual report just printed, says " the exhibit for the year past is melancholy enough—owing to the loss of County or City. funds-but it is not so bad as we had rea-son to apprehend. And our spirits are revived by the fact that during the now current year we are likely to have as many schools as ever before. The summaries for the past year are as follows: SUMMARIES. SCHOOL POPULATION. Number Between Five and Twenty-one Years of 483.701 SCHOOLS. Number Opened :* 2.491 Average number of months taught..... 5.36 128 * Counting each grade of one teacher in a graded school as one school. PUPILS (BETWEEN FIVE AND TWENTY-ONE Number Enrolled :

Essex..... Sauodier. Joyd Javania Janklio Franklia Frederick Winchester.... 10F.074 Number in Average Daily Attendance: Henry... lighland sle of Wight... James City (including Williamsburg). Colored..... 65.771 King and Queen..... King George... King William... Number Studying the Higher Branches: ancaster..... 4.726 Number supplied with text-books at public liddle-ex..... 240 Percentage of School Population Enrolled: Orange..... Percentage of School Population in Average
Daily Metendance: Pitisylvanja 13 6 Portsmouth..... Percentage of Attendance on Average Monthly Enrolment: rincess Anne..... Cost of tuition per month per pupil enrolled .. \$0 68 Cost of tution per month per pupil in average Russell..... pupil in average attendance.... TBACHERS. White males. 1.131
White females. 958 2,089 Colored males.... 279

415

12,793 52

13,087 06

Av. Daily

Atten'ce. 117.843 116.464 65,771

Average Monthly Salary:

SCHOOL-HOUSES.

FINANCIAL SUMMARIES.

For Current Expenses

"Compared with the two years previous

our schools and school attendance last year

amounted to a little more than one half. On

these two points the figures show as follows:

"The falling off in schools was a little

owing to the fact that debts had previously

ties to such an amount that the local boards

the want of what theologians call 'the as-

income from the State and the increasing

faith of some in the permanence of the

system. But the moral effect of the trou-

bles was finally to develop a sudden, pow-

maintain the school system at all hazards;

and in the furious political canvass which

is going on as I write each of the three

parties in the field is trying to prove that

its views, of all those advocated, are the

very views, and the only views, which will

protect the school system from spoliation.

Whatever may be the result of the contest,

the people will not be defeated, although

possibly they may for a time be hindered,

in carrying out their purpose to educate

their children by means of public schools,

and by means of the present school sys-

Further on in his report Dr. Ruffner gives

a comparative statement of the cost of pub-

lie education in a number of States, show-

intendents; furnishes, in accordance with a

resolution of the Senate, many facts with

reference to higher female education, and

maintains at length that "the Superintend-

ent of Public Instruction should be forbid-

Pupils Enrolled. 204.974 202,244 108,074

of school property owned

amount received by Second Auditor

from property- and capitation-tax

Balance on hand August 1, 1878......

Females....

.....\$459,515 95 Total MAGGIE MITCHELL AT THE THEATRE TOdistricts.....\$1.088.957 00 the Holliday-Street Theatre, she appeared eye peas, 5c. per quart. as Little Barefoot before a splendid bouse. \$289,147 81 COST OF THE SYSTEM FOR ALL PURPOSES TO ALL SOURCES FOR THE YEAR, INCLUDING BALANCE DUE FOR THE YEAR. in which she is held:

Warren.....

Westmoreland Wise Withe.....

Washington ..

"She was in capital spirits, and her actunconscious ease that one might imagine good on Saturday. she had explored the springs of all human feeling and surprised the secret of every heart. These fransitions from gayety to per pound; dried pears, 5c. per pound; sadness or from sorrow to a smile were so sharp at times that in some sudden convul- quarts for 25c. sion of laughter the spectator was in one but the artist it would be so commonplace as to weary instead of please the lisgreater than it would have been otherwise evening, and the immortal verse of Shak- ers adjourned until this afternoon. speare never commanded more rapt attenbeen allowed to accumulate in some cour- tion. This, which would remain an inexyear. In some cases also the supervisors touch of nature makes the world akin, and and other articles carried off. diminished the school levies just when they in Little Barefoot the audience recogought to have increased them to the full ex- nized instantly that divine touch, and tent of the law. This was owing partly to responded to its subtle impulse, and lady left the city on Saturday for New There are, perhaps, some impersonasurance of fatth.' The diminishing of the tions which more freely display the passionate force of her genius; but none so activity of enemies for a moment shook the noticeable for girlish simplicity and hoydenish vivacity. Her animal spirits at one moment ruled her, and at the next her spirituelle grace gave her the airiness of a fairy. erful, and apparently unanimous, determination on the part of parties and people to (Mr. Julian Mitchell), and in the second where she produces the bag of family the question of such a subscription is sub-heirlooms for the inspection of the mitted to the vote of our citizens and progaping Jemmy, she might have easily perty-holders. accomplished the same effect upon The gentlem the audience without speaking a line of the dialogue. Many a new star has risen and set upon the dramatic firmament not think their views are to be taken withsince Maggie Mitchell made her first appearance, and the day is long passed when ing that our system is very economically ad- the critic could add anything to her fame or ministered. He argues against material dim the splendor of her reputation; but the change in the law regarding county super- artist is the artist always, and should command the homage which is the artist's duc. The support last night was excellent. Mr. Harris gave a capital impersonation of William Peace, and Mr. Mitchell's Jemmy was

> parts were all acceptably filled." POLICE COURT, SATURDAY-Police-Jusice Joseph J. White presiding .- Henry Eck, charged with burglary, was sent on

charged with assaulting and striking Her- to ship goods by these two latter railroads charged with assaulting and striking field as can be offered by the proposed railroad bert Cook with a club, was continued until as can be offered by the proposed railroad along the canal bank. Allowing the facili-

Statistics for November.

The Auditor estimates the funds applicarels condemed.

MARRIAGES.

During November the clerk of the Hustings Court issued 61 licenses; 37 to white and 24 to colored couples. During the same period the clerk of the Henrico County Court issued 11 licenses; 7 to colored and 4 to white couples. FIRE-ALARMS.

aggregate. DEEDS RECORDED-SUITS.

Chancery Court, and 13 suits instituted. In the same month 60 deeds were received for one another, the fariff would certainly be record in the clerk's office of the Henrico put at the lowest figures, if there were the County Court. CORONER'S CASES.

Coroner Taylor investigated eight cases of sudden death, or death by violence, furing the past month. One was that of a woman who died from the effects of burns. CUSTOM-HOUSE REPORT.

During the month of November five forcargo of grain-bags, valued at \$1,464-to-

POLICE COURT STATISTICS FOR NOVEMBER. During the past month the Police Justice disposed of 193 criminal cases and tried 128 On criminal charges five persons were sent on to the Hustings Court for indictment, 31 were convicted of misdemeanor, and 17 were their good behavior. Fines collected: City, the road. What is the control of the road \$116; State, \$170; total, \$286. Costs collected, \$33.90.

FAMILY MARKETING-RETAIL PRICES .-The following were the prevailing prices for family marketing on Saturday:

Meats: Beef, 8 to 12c. per pound; mutton, 8 to 12c. per pound; lamb, 8 to 12c. per pound; chops, 8 to 121c. per pound; veal, 8 to 12c. per pound; pork, 10c. per pound; sausage, 10c. per pound; smoked sausage, 10c. per pound; bacon, 10c. per | pound; middling and shoulder, 8c. per pound; chitlins, 10c. per pound; brains, 10c. per pound; tripe, 8c. per pound.

20c. apiece, or \$2 to \$3 per dozen; dressed western connections of the Chesapeake and chickens, 3 to 5c. per pound; live turkeys, 40 to 50c. apiece; dressed turkeys, 7. to 12c. per pound; live ducks, 20 to 25c. apiece; dressed ducks, 8 to 10c. per pound; live geese, 50 to 60c. apiece, or \$1 to \$1.20 per pair; dressed geese, 4 to 6c. per pound; squabs, 15c. per pair; squirrels, 4 to 5c. apiece; old hares, 10 to 15c. apiece; The market was well supplied with fowls lard, 10c. per pound; eggs, 20c. per dozen; western connections; but then simply in Beethoven Association will be given semisweet-milk, 8c. per quart, or 20c. per gal- connection with and as a second trac gallon.

bunch; beets, 10c. per dozen; turnips, two actress, appears at the Theatre to-night, and 25c. per half-peck; dried beans, &c. per

Fish and Game: Perch, 20 to 25c. per Referring to that performance, the follow- bunch; rockfish, 124 to 15c. per pound; ing paragraph appeared in one of the city chubs, 12gc. per pound; fresh codfish, 64c. papers, which shows the personal affection | per pound; haddock, 64c. per pound; polper gallon; partridges, 122c. apiece, or to the stock of other roads, such as the ing was never more artistic. She moved \$1.50 per dozen; ducks (mallard), 75c. Richmond and Danville and the Tennessee her audience to tears or laughter with such apiece. The display of fish and game very

Fruits: Green apples, 25c. per peck; dried apples, 5c. per quart; dried peaches, 10c. lemons, 20c. per dozen; cranberries, two

RICHMOND AND ALLEGUANY RAILROAD his cyclids. Yet there is nothing in MEETING .- A general meeting of the stock- same fate will attend the subscription to the the character of Little Barefoot itself to holders of the Richmond and Alleghany produce such effects. In the hands of any Railroad Company was held Saturday at the company's office in this city. Mr. H. D. Whitcomb presided, and E. H. Fisher acted tener. The dialogue is not strung with as secretary. A majority of the stock was \$750,000 to any external improvement, howpearls of thought, nor does it glisten with represented. A letter from the New York ever beneficial its advocates may declare the brilliants of wit; yet we venture to say office requesting an adjournment until to- it? I pass over for the present the legal not a word of it escaped the audience last day was read, and thereupon the stockhold-

ROBBERY ON TENTH STREET.-Friday plicable mystery did we attempt to account | night entrance was effected through a rear determined to open no schools and to use for it by any rules of art, is a riddle easy window into the basement of the residence cable, accumulating some head for the next lumines the acting of Maggie Mitchell. One Tenth street, and over 100 pounds of flour simply look at our finances. It is well

PERSONAL.-Colonel Thomas J. Evans

The James-River-Valley Railroad.

In accordance with our custom, we wish to give both sides of the argument on the spected citizens furnishes the following:

Editors Dispatch : Sirs,-As our City with William (Mr. William Harris), was so Fathers so stronuously avoid the discussion subtle and changeful that it was gone almost of the proposed railroad along the canal before the sensation which it produced bank between this and Clifton Forge, could be caught and analyzed. Maggie when their constituents have, as a right, Mitchell has one of those rare sympathetic expected a full discussion by them of the voices whose tones do more towards inter- advisableness of the city subscribing \$750,preting the thought of the playright than | 000 to it, I hope you will open your columns the text itself; and in the ludicrous scene, to its discussion by the public freely before

> The gentlemen urging the subscription are, with few exceptions, so much interested in divers ways in the scheme that I do out some allowance; nor that it is so evi-

subscription. A railroad on the northern side of James river along the canal bank will draw, of course, but little freight from the southern side of that river, on account of the diffione of the best bits of character acting we culties of crossing the river and the facilihave seen in a long time. The remaining ties of getting to the Richmond and Danville and Atlantic, Mississippi and Ohio railroads. Between this and Lynchburg we must, then, for freights and passengers look only to the northern side of the river. On the northern side, however, between this and Lynchburg, within an average distance say of thirty miles, runs the Chesa-peake and Obio and Midland railroads, which will of course offer as great facilities to farmers in that narrow strip of country

and disorderly conduct, were fined \$2.50 not expect to draw freights and passengers little but increased indebtedness to this city.

There are many other points not named now by me that should also be fully distanced at the failure of the latter of the show, but the case of this hose, half of which will be in use the failure of the latter of the latt on the roll of honor at the Richmond Chelsea, Mass., and which arrived last week, and disorderly conduct, were fined \$2.50 not expect to draw freights and passengers its advocates, and in my mind promising so shams, and Tidles. while the other is in the tower being dried.

J. S. Frayser, of Spotsylvania. The case many passengers from that narrow strip of many passengers from that narrow strip of was continued until Saturday, and Mr. country-certainly not enough to give any sometimes have more weight than those Emma Mayo (colored) was sent to jail for return from the outlay in building and run-signed with the names of the authors, and

The following is a statement of the flour inspected in Richmond during the month we now in this city to draw these minerals Public Instruction has apportioned this family, 1,320 barrels extra superfine, 359 we now in this city to draw these minerals amount among the cities and counties as barrels superfine, 70 barrels fine, 111 bar- and wealth from that section of country? I do not mean to depreciate our attractions, or to say that in the future they will not be greater. But I do not think any conscientious man can say that they are now greater than at present in Baltimore, Philadelphia, and other northern cities. If they are as great, there are already two competing ines between this and Lynchburg, both of which are bidding now, the one against the other, for freight and passengers bither. The Richmond Fire Department was It is ridiculous to speak of their discrimicalled out four times during the past nating against this city. Railroad corporamonth. The fire in Rocketts necessitated tions look solely to self-interest, and if two slarms, but as they were for the either of the two now-existing railroads same fire, but one signal is included in the between this and Lynchburg found much freight seeking Richmond, they would readily reduce their tariffs so as to secure In the month of November, which ended those freights, especially as they might have yesterday, 163 deeds were recorded in the the canal underbidding them. With the three now-existing carriers bidding against

freight to bring hither.

will be poured into our city to more than

Railroads discriminate against local freights because they are entirely at their mercy. But the history of the past ten years shows clearly that where there is competition freights will be reduced even below the barest cost of transportation. It will perbaps be said that the proposed railroad will bring about such a reduction. But is this eign vessels cleared from the custom-house city justified in subscribing \$750,000 merewith cargoes of flour for Brazil, valued at ly to enter into a competition with the two \$77,670; number of barre.s of flour in all railroads now in existence between this of the cargoes was 10,069. And two foreign and Lynchburg? Can we afford to carry vessels entered-one with a cargo of lump freights between those points at lower rates plaster, valued at \$328, and one with a than those two roads will-never mind how low they reduce their freights-not to Richmond only, but to Baltimore and other points north? For it is not simply a question of freights between this and Lynehburg, or even Clifton Forge. Our freights must be so low as to induce persons not only to charges of violations of the city ordinances. ship by the new road, but to send to Richmond rather than to Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, &c. The sop is held out past. to us that Richmond, naming four sevenths committed to jail in default of surety for of the directors, will have the control of if we have not the control of the freights? We want the control of the freights more

beef-tongue, 14c. per pound; liver, 8c. per tween this proposed railroad of 200 miles road at Clifton Forge.

and game, and prices were moderate. But- the James-River-Valley road after the Ches- will convene next Monday. ter, 15 to 30c. per pound-choice, 30c.; apeake and Onio railroad has finished its

lack, 8c. per pound; oysters, 75c. to \$1.50 | the result of this city subscribing, long ago, the city will be glad to sell its stock if it can find a purchaser. But again : Can Richmond now subscribe

question, which is a very grave one-namely, the contract with the city bondholders that the debt of the city shall not exceed 18 per cent. of its assessed values. That question will certainly be fully ventilated in our courts as soon as we issue new bonds to the income for paying debts and, if practi- to read in the light of the genius which il- of Mr. Thomas E. Word, No. 605 north the proposed railroad company. Let us has very greatly depreciated since our last assessment was made; and it is generally believed that at present values in the market our indebtedness has very nearly, if not quite, reached the 18 per cent, allowed by our charter. Our present indebtedness equals, I believe, four and a half millions. We shall soon be obliged to expend a large sum again on our railroad question. One of our most re- water-works-how much, no one can tell, judging from the injudicious expenses hitherto incurred therein. We are also sadly in want of a city hall large enough to hold the five different courts now held in the city, besides offices for the city officers, and room enough for our very valuable and extensive State law library. It is true the expenses of both of these objects may be extended over several years; but the necessary outlay will be very great. I am afraid to give the estimates made by those qualified to give them. Besides these, it is also admitted that our city jail is a disgrace to us, and engenders rather than pre-vents crime. Moreover, it should make every citizen shudder to think of the punishments inflicted on juvenile criminals, if I may so call many of those who have never been taught the difference between right road will be of such an advantage to the and wrong. Those erring infants should city as to justify, at this time at least, such not be handed over to a life of infamy life or in the life to come, but should be placed in reformitories, as in other cities, and made good and useful citizens instead of, as now, branded as (to use Carlisle's expression) the "devil's life-guardsmen." Our indebtedness is, I believe, already

we may wish to enter the prosperous course ame time be careful lest we fall into the other southern cities.

I have merely thrown out as briefly as could the above suggestions, hoping that others will take up the discussion, and that the public will be fully informed as to the question, very momentous to this city, before they are called upon to vote \$750,000 Goods for Trimmings; also, a large assortment of Roll of Honor at the Richmon? High The New Hose.—The new cotton hose Hool.—The following is a list of the pu
Nottingham-Lace Curtains, Bed-Spreads, Pillowtween this and Lynchburg, therefore, canto a proposed railroad so advantageous to
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because I trust that no one will undertake Class; Maggie Jones. Mattie Pugh, Lil. where they found game very abundant. They killed seventeen deer, besides a large of the week, 98 per number of partridges, ducks, hares, &c.

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MANCHESTER AND VICINITY.

Statistics.- The following are the statisics for the month of November: Marriagelicenses issued, 11-five white and six colored; deeds recorded, 18. An increase of three marriage-licenses and five deeds as compared with the report for the month of

Mauor's Court .- There was but one case before the Mayor's Court Saturday, and very few were disposed of during last week. Thomas Claiborne was arraigned, charged with being drunk and firing a pistol on Hull street Friday afternoon, and was fined \$1. The monthly report of the Mayor has not yet been prepared. The number of arrests in October were greater than for last month.

Narrow Escape.-Friday morning a colored girl living near Twelfth and Porter streets threw a small pistol-cartridge into the fire which was burning in the grate. The cartridge exploded and the ball struck ber upon the forehead and glanced off without doing her any injury except to raise a large knot on ber forebead.

The Water .- Owing to a break in the main water-pipe Friday, the water from the reservoir was shut off. It was being repaired Saturday, and it was expected that the water would be turned on in the hydrants to-day. The river still remains quite low for this season of the year, but not low enough to affect work at the different mills along the water-line. The reservoir at present is in good condition.

Lecture To-Night .- The lecture by Dr. T. T. Eaton, on "Poor Kin," at Branch's church, in Chesterfield county, will take place to-night. After the lecture a concert will be given. Several parties from this city anticipate attending. The proceeds will be devoted to the church.

Manchester Township .- Business at the Magistrate's Court in Manchester township has been unusually dull for some time

The roads in this district are at present in very good condition, and much travelled. The negroes who waylaid and robbed two ladies from Granite, in this district, not long since, have not yet been apprehended. The officers, however, are on the lookout for them.

Roll of Honor .- The following is the roll of honor at the Colored High School for the week ending November 28th: Thomas Brown, Horace Jackson, David Moon, Thomas Johnson, Junius Mosby, Mary V. Edwards, Aupi Epps, M. J. Harris, Lizzie Hopson, Margaret Harris, Amanda Johnson, Ada Johnson.

Brief Items .- Considerable excitement was created in this city Saturday morning on account of the planet Venus being vistfar wiser for us to subscribe to finish the ble in mid-day. The street-corners were crowded with persons anxicus to see it. Some over-superstitious people predicted that it was the forerunner of some dreadful calamity. There are at present several inmates in the city jail, all being colored. The terms

of their imprisonment will expire this month. There will be a large criminal docket at the next term of the County Court, which

After December 5th the musicales of the nonthly instead of weekly, as heretofore. Rev. G. C. Vanderslice, one of the Board of Governors of the Beethoven Association, the Association on account of his having to leave this city.

Saturday was the last day that persons River Valley. But at the same time I be- could pay their State taxes without having to pay the additional 5 per cent. The Elliott Grays' Association bad a very interesting meeting at the Central House

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\$6 \$6 \$6 OVERCOAT; WE ASK and better grade, RICHMONE \$8, \$8, \$8. KNOW CHINCHILLA GVERCOATS HOW \$7, \$8. \$9, \$10, \$12. Market BEAVER OVERCOATS, \$6, \$7, \$8.50, \$10, \$11.

We claim that our house succeeded on the follow

ples:				
1st. Perfection of fit. 2d. Superiority of materials. 3d. Lowness of price. 4th. We shrink all goods. 5th. Goods marked in plain figures. 6th. Honest workmanning. Eic., etc.,				
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den by public sentiment, and if necessary by law, from interfering in elections," and interest to legislators and educators. THE NEW KENT MURDER TRIAL .- Audrew Whiting, the old negro man in whose to the grand jury. The complaint against possession the goods and other property of him of getting possession of a boat belong-Mr. J. C. Lacy, of New Kent, were found ing to R. J. Adams by means of a forged after his murder, last year, was tried last order was dismissed. The ease of Charles Leekey (colored), week in the Circuit Court of that county, convicted, and sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

ning the road.

than the control of the road. The latter will follow the former. Northern cities control railroads because they control the freights-that is, attract the freights to them-and if we cannot control freights between this and Clifton Forge our preposed railroad will soon be a sink-pocket, falling into disuse and ruin. we are told, however, that the Baltimore and Ohio railroad built Baltimore. Grant that it did-is there any comparison beto all of the western States? It would be Ohio railway, which would then be worthy of comparison with the Baltimore and Ohio road, than to subscribe to this stunted railroad, leading really nowhither except to another railroad now connecting us with the Ohio, and which, indeed, would have its grasp on the very throat of the proposed I look forward with joy to the building of

lon; buttermilk, 4c. per quart, or 15c. per that road. For I believe when the Chesapeake and Ohio road has completed its Vegetables: Cabbage, 3 to 5c. per western connections it will need a second has tendered his resignation as a member of head; sweet potatoes, 20c. per peck; Irish track to carry its greatly-increased freight; potatoes, 25c. per peck; carrots, 4c. per and it cannot build a road on a better grade bunch; salsify, 4c. per bunch; parsnips, 4c. and at less expense than down the James. young in her feelings and a distinguished bunches for 5c.; onions, 8c. per quart or lieve if the valley road be built now, and as will be supported, we are told, by a first- quart; white beans, Sc. per quart; dried and Ohio road, it will soon, from sheer diswill be supported, we are told, by a dist- quart, write beads, so. per quart; dried black- use, be at the mercy of the longer road, and Friday night. It was presided over by be leased or bought by it at a merely nomi- James A. Gentry, Esq. nal price.

In judging of the control by the city of the proposed road, in addition to what I have said above, let me ask, What has been to the former especially, for I believe that road has been of great value to the city. But as to the control of that road: What control has the city now over it by virtue of its subscriptions? Has the city not long ago sold out its stock therein, as it found it better to sell than to keep?-indeed, I believe, almost worthless to keep. And the

greater than in most other cities, if we remember our high assessments; and while pursued by Baltimore, we should at the slough of insolvency in which now lie Mobile, Memphis, New Orleans, and mos